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Members,
Legco Subcommittee on Antiquities and Monuments Notice

Dear Subcommittee members,

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to speak at your meeting yesterday.

It would be VERY powerful if you agree to send a strong bi-partisan (DAB, Democrat, independent) message to the administration that the heritage evaluation process needs serious improvement.

After the Queen's Pier debacle, the AAB was opened up to greater representation from the community. But it still seems to be spoon-fed and controlled by the government and has not shaken off its image as yes-men. If Legco rejects the withdrawal notice, even if it would have no legal effect, I believe it would be the kind of jolt necessary for much needed reform in the way it operates.

I say this based on my 30 years of experience with the AAB. It is really high time for a new approach. Perhaps Legco can be the catalyst.

Sincerely,

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